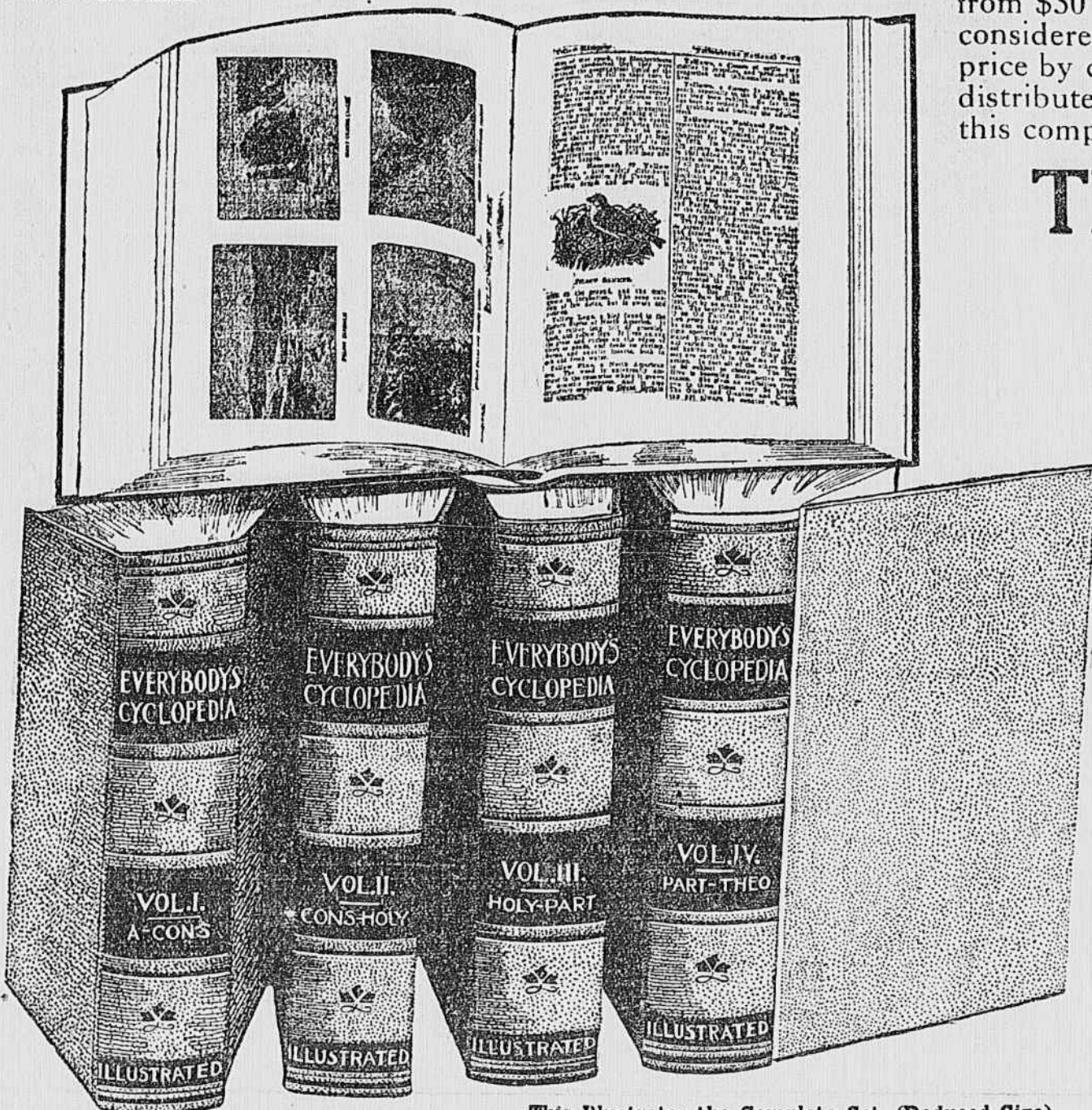


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WAR DEPARTMENT PREPARES FOR WAR

Takes Steps to Secure National
Guard for Regular
Army.

PEPPER BILL OUTLINED

State Troops to Be Commanded
by State Officers and to
Have Army Pay.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, April 2.—Is the United States to intervene in Mexico, and will United States troops be sent there to quell the present uprising? These are questions that the War Department is seriously considering, and though nothing of a definite kind has yet come from Secretary Stimson regarding the matter, those who are on the inside take the position that it may not be long until the regular army of the United States is largely augmented by the National Guard, this step being taken, it is explained, to plant some

10,000 or 20,000 troops along the Mexican border.

A significant step in this direction is found in the fact that Representative Pepper, of Iowa, has just introduced a bill which practically makes the National Guard part of the regular army.

Pepper Bill.

This bill makes certain amendments to former acts so that any military organization in the various States participating in Federal appropriations at the present time shall be considered as a voluntary army for the use of the United States when, in the judgment of the President, the necessities of the service are greater than can be performed by the regular army, and a greater force is authorized by Congress, and may be used either within or without the territory of the United States for the unexpired term for which they are enlisted, unless sooner relieved by order of the President.

It is provided that when called into the service of the United States, they shall be taken into the service as organized at the time the call is made, namely, by regiments, brigades, divisions, or independent or separate organizations, as the quota of each State or major fraction thereof may require. Including all regimental, brigade, division and staff officers authorized by law, and regulations for the corresponding units of the regular army. It is provided also that when called into the service of the United States, and while serving as a volunteer army, officers and enlisted men shall receive the same pay and allowances as officers and enlisted men of like grade and

length of service in the regular army, and in determining the amount of pay of all officers and enlisted men, length of service in the organized militia shall be considered the same as if this service had been in the regular army.

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ASHLAND NEWS NOTES

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Ashland, Va., April 2.—Dr. E. W. Bowen, professor of Latin at Randolph-Macon College, has been invited to make the address at the annual meeting of the Classical Association, Middle West and South, to be held this year at the University of Cincinnati April 15 and 16.

Miss Eleanor Montgomery, of Richmond, was the week-end guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Montgomery, of Verdon.

Miss Amy Worth, of Richmond, has concluded her visit to Mrs. S. C. Carter.

Mrs. Margaret Garrett Gooch, of Staunton, and Stephen Hunter, of Richmond, visited friends here recently.

D. O. Brown, of Randolph-Macon College, is spending the holidays at his home in Charlottesville.

Miss Dorothy Leftwich has returned to her home, in Richmond, after a visit to Mrs. Gertrude Leftwich, at the Henry Clay Inn.

Mrs. B. Morgan Shepherd will return this week from a delightful trip to Florida.

E. Hatcher Willis, of Randolph-Macon College, leaves Wednesday for Rocky Mount, N. C., to visit E. L. Grady.

Professor and Mrs. N. G. Mallory and little daughter, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Mallory, of New York, have gone to Buckroe Beach, Va., for a week's visit.

Miss Nell Lewis, who has been spending the winter with her brother, Professor L. F. Lewis, of Randolph-Macon College, leaves Friday for her home in Raleigh, N. C.

Miss Willie Garth, of Charlottesville, is the guest of Miss Annie Maccon Poole.

Henry Knight, of New York, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Riddick.

At the Woman's Club this afternoon an interesting paper on "Augusta Evans," written by Mrs. John Fisher, was read by Mrs. R. B. Smith.

"Lucky" Baldwin's Estate.
Los Angeles, Cal., April 2.—Announcement is made by H. Unruh, executor of the estate of E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, that each of the Baldwin heirs, Mrs. H. L. McLaughry and Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker, would receive more than \$10,000,000.

The value of the estate is placed by Unruh at more than \$20,000,000. It consists of 25,000 acres of land, now without incumbrance, and the average value is estimated by him at \$1,300 an acre.

TRYING TO SELL EXPOSITION GROUNDS TO THE GOVERNMENT
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Washington, April 2.—The hearing that was scheduled to take place before the House Naval Affairs Committee to-day regarding the sale of the Jamestown Exposition property to the Government was postponed until next Tuesday. Since the close of the exposition the authorities have been endeavoring to sell this property to the Government, but so far they have not been able to make the officials see the necessity of acquiring it.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS SOON WILL CLOSE

Arrangements for Fairs Next
Fall—Preparing for Marvin
Grove Camp Meeting.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Lancaster, Va., April 2.—The primary public schools are beginning to close in this Northern Neck counties. All the high schools and some of the graded schools will run one month longer, closing some time in May. Arrangements for the school fairs to be held in Lancaster and Northumberland next fall are going ahead. Last week Miss Margaret Henderson, Mrs. Julia Lee and Edwin Brown, the special committee appointed to get out the catalogues, met in Irvington and prepared the material. These fairs will be held about the first of next November, the one for Lancaster at Kilmarnock, the one for Northumberland at Heathsville.

The committee of arrangements for Marvin Grove camp meeting will meet Wednesday at the camp grounds to let out privileges and make other provisions for the next meeting, which will be held during the early part of August. It is announced that Bishop Kille, who presided over the last session of the Virginia Methodist Conference, will be the leading preacher at Marvin Grove next summer, and many think it will be the largest and most successful meeting ever held there.

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An exciting runaway took place on East Duke of Gloucester street early Sunday morning, when a spirited animal attached to a buggy, containing a colored man and boy, took fright and dashed up the sidewalk east of the Raleigh Hotel. The buggy was smashed up and the boy thrown out and bruised. The horse, which belonged to H. Moulquin, was not injured.

Leaves for Petersburg.
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Spartanburg, S. C., April 2.—Bearing with him valuable farewell gifts from his congregation and friends, Dr. Lewis M. Roper left to-night to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Petersburg, to which he was called several weeks ago.

Glenn as Temporary Chairman.
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Winston-Salem, N. C., April 2.—State Chairman A. H. Eller to-day named

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